## **EXHIBIT W**

Cited Excerpts from the Deposition of Dr. David W. Peterson in the *State Redistricting Cases* 

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 11 CVS 16896 COUNTY OF WAKE 11 CVS 16940 MARGARET DICKSON, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. ROBERT RUCHO, in his official capacity only as the Chairman of the North Carolina Senate Redistricting Committee, et al., Defendants. NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES OF THE NAACP, et al., Plaintiffs, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, et al.,

DEPOSITION OF

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accounts for the boundary definition of the 12th Congressional voting district than do party affiliation considerations.

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- Q. And when you say "on balance," that's on balance in your judgment or is there any way to measure what you mean by "on balance"?
- A. The way to measure the way I mean "on balance" is summarized largely in paragraph 15 where in four of the 12 studies the number of segments support the Political Hypothesis, there are two studies in which there are equal numbers of Type R and Type P segments and the other six studies there's more support for the Race Hypothesis than for the Political Hypothesis, and in each of those six the imbalance is more pronounced than any of the four studies favoring the Political Hypothesis.
- Q. Is it fair to say looking at only the information in paragraph 16 would lead one to conclude that whether race or politics determined the boundary of the 12th would be inconclusive?
- A. If one looked only at paragraph 16, one would have to conclude that the two -- the two hypotheses have equal support.
- Q. Right. And therefore, one could not better account for the boundary than the other?

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- A. That's correct.
  - All right. Now we just talked about the two Q. segments that were unequivocal in their support for one hypothesis over the other.
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- Now, there were, I'm sure, a number of segments 6 Q. 7 that were P or R depending on the combination of the data that was run.
- 9 A. Yes.
- Do you remember how many of those segments there 10 Q. 11 were?
- Yes. That's what's shown in Table 1. 12
  - So let me make sure I understand this. When you Q. ran registered Democrat data versus black population data, you had eight divergent pairs that supported the Party Hypothesis and six divergent pairs that supported the Race Hypothesis for a total of 14 divergent pairs?
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 20 Now, moving over and using the 2008 governor data, Q. there are 12 divergent pairs, correct? 21
- 22 A. Yes.
- Is there any way of knowing whether those 12 23 overlap any with the 14 in the one we just looked 24 25 at?

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